

## Other Accomplishments



A project to address fine sediment delivery concerns in the Skamokawa Watershed was planned, funded, designed and scheduled for implementation 9/2008.



A Skamokawa Creek tributary project was planned, funded designed and scheduled for implementation in August 2008. The project will address accelerated stream bank erosion, fine sediment delivery, lack of riparian function, simplified fisheries habitat, livestock access to stream, and property protection concerns.

## 2008 Feature Accomplishment

### Historic Skamokawa Creek Restoration and Skamokawa Community Watershed Project Begin

#### *Resource Challenge*

The Historic Skamokawa Creek Channel is two miles of meandering stream abandoned in a 1940's flood mitigation project. The channel has been on the radar screen for 15 years as a water quality, flooding, and public health concern, as well as an opportunity for salmon recovery.



Historic Skamokawa Creek

#### *Project Summary and Results*

Funding has been secured to implement a five-phase project to improve water quality and promote salmon utilization in the Historic Skamokawa Creek Channel. Project partners worked hard to assess current conditions and modeled anticipated outcomes of a wide range of alternatives to resolve resource concerns. The funded project includes installation of a freshwater intake structure; installation of a suitable outlet structure; restoration of undersized culverts; wood placement for habitat complexity; and restoration of riparian function.

The Skamokawa Creek Community Watershed Project is underway. The partnership is in the process of discussing resource concerns and identifying opportunities while initiating implementation efforts at two demonstration sites.

#### *Key Project Partners*

Local landowners, Skamokawa Diking District, Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board, Wahkiakum County, WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Army Corps of Engineers, WA Department of Ecology, Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce, Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership

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## More Work To Do

- Assist landowners and resource agencies in the remainder of the county.
- Ten additional landowners are ready to proceed in Skamokawa Community Watershed Project.
- Work to find equitable means of reinstating the noxious weed program.
- Provide flood relief assistance to 12 landowners.